

Newberry County Chamber of Commerce

"The Front Door to **YOUR** Community"

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Newberry County Chamber of Commerce is the voice for the business community and represents its members. As Newberry continues to grow, there will be many issues that affect local businesses.

Our Mission is to promote a positive business environment and to enhance the quality of life in Newberry County by fostering economic growth while meeting the needs of our communities and members.

Our vision is to create a community where every citizen, individual and corporation, can reach their full potential and become a positive contributor to Newberry's economic well-being and quality of life.

That's why we support AT&T buying mobile phone provider T-Mobile. It will help us in South Carolina and other rural areas across the nation.

Newberry County (population 38,326) is located in the central Piedmont region of South Carolina between the Broad and Saluda rivers. It is less than one hour from the metropolitan areas of Columbia and Greenville-Spartanburg.

The mild climate and productive farmland make it an excellent location for agriculture and forestry, while a progressive attitude toward economic development is attractive to industries.

Wireless broadband is a great equalizer and a great connector for our area to any big city anywhere in the world. AT&T has committed to covering almost the entire population of the US with wireless broadband. That's the fastest way to get us connected with the rest of the world and help unlock Newberry County's full potential.

I thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ted" being more prominent than the last name "Smith".

Ted Smith

Director

Newberry County Chamber of Commerce

CC:

Senator Lindsey Graham

Senator Jim DeMint

Congressman Mick Mulvaney